available. This vehicle can also be introduced at Primary Health Centre level where Primary Health Centres' roads are good enough, and subject to individual choice of the State Governments.

(c) The matter is still under consideration of the Ministry.

(d) Purchase of vehicles under F.W. Programme is always being done on the basis of recommendations made by the Technical Committee. However, in the present case, the matter is still under consideration of the Ministry.

Linking Chandigarh to Ludhiana by rail

2248. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of linking Chandigarh to Ludhiana by rail is still under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, what is the progress made in the matter and if not, what are the reasons for not bringing Chandigarh on the main line so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Survey for Chandigarh-Ludhiana rail link was conducted and project assessed to be financially unremunerative. Its construction is not programmed in view of constraint of resources for New Lines.

Railway expansion and Development programme for Punjab

2249. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of railway expansion and development programmes planned for Punjab in the current plan period; and

(b) what is the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Information is given in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 82].

Death of a student of Allahabad Agricultural Institute

2250. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI DURGA PRASAD JAMUDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in *Indian Express*, Bombay of 11th September, 1987 under the caption 'Student ragged to death' in which it was reported that a boy studying in Allahabad Agricultural Institute was ragged to death;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government intend to take cognizance of the menace of 'ragging' in colleges in which brutal and inhuman acts are committed by the senior students on their junior students; and

(d) if so, what measures including enactment of special penal penalities to deal with this menace and other steps Government propose to take to deal effectively with it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) According to the reports which appeared in the Press, a student of the Allahabad Agricultural Institute died in early September, 1987. It was repotred that the student died as an air-gun went off accidentally hitting him in the eye. According to the relatives of the student, however, there were signs of physical injury on his body which suggested that the death was not due to the accident as reported. They suspect